

HOUSE BILL 244

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AN ACT to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 64 in Fayette County in honor of Eddie L. Niles.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Eddie Lewis Niles, who is widely renowned and highly regarded for his volunteer work in Somerville and Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Eddie Niles, a gentleman who is admired and respected for helping his friends and neighbors with tasks both great and small and always doing so with a smile; and

WHEREAS, one of the twelve children of the late Dave and Annie Niles, Eddie Lewis Niles is continuing the proud family tradition of working for Somerville Bank & Trust Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Niles serves as the bank's courier and also patrols the parking lot on busy days; the bank feels fortunate to have him as their loyal and productive employee, because Eddie is always willing and able to perform any extra chores that need attention; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Niles is perhaps best known for his many years of volunteer service with the Fayette County Sheriff's Department and the City of Somerville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, he is presently building upon his already substantial legacy as his community's preeminent volunteer by working as a First Responder with the Fayette County Emergency Management System; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Fayette County have been truly blessed by Eddie Niles' tireless dedication to helping others, and this General Assembly wishes to name a certain bridge in Fayette County to honor Mr. Niles for his lifelong commitment to the safety and prosperity of his community; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Jones Creek on U.S. Highway 64 west of Fayette Academy in the City of Somerville, Fayette County is hereby designated the "Eddie L. Niles Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and dedicated volunteer.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Eddie L. Niles Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.